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1. AG ATTACHE MADE FIRST VISIT ROMANIA JULY 19-22.

2. SUBJECT OF SUBMISSION JULY 15 DATA IN ACCORDANCE
ROMANIAN PROPOSED LIST DISCUSSED WITH DAIAN JULY 20.
DAIAN PROMISED SUPPLY INFO IN NEXT FEW DAYS. AS OF
COB JULY 22 NO INFORMATION RECEIVED.

3. SUBJECT OF STATE DEPT/ROMANIAN PROTOCOL RE EXCHANGE
OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCHERS WITH NEBRASKA AND IOWA RAISED
BY DAIAN, HERA CRISTIAN RESEARCH DIRECTOR FUNDULEA
RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR CEREALS AND TECHNICAL CROPS AND
BY ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY SCIENCES. ALL
THREE SORCES STRESSED GOR DESIRE TO IMPLEMENT EXCHANGE
IMMEDIATELY DESPITE PROBLEMS RAISED BY IOWA STATE IN
STATE 140381 AND 154992. BETWEEN LINES IMPLICATION BY
ROMANIANS WAS THAT U.S. WAS DRAGGING ITS FEET. ALTHOUGH
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THIS PROTOCOL AND ONE FOR EXCHANGE OF ECONOMIC INFORMATION
NOT TIED TOGETHER BY U.S. SIDE, ROMANIANS SEEM TO BE DOING
SO. (ATTACHE UNDERSTANDS THAT DIRECTOR OF ACADEMY OF AGRI-
CULTURAL AND FORESTRY SCIENCES IS ALSO NUMBER THREE IN GOR
HIERARCHY BY VIRTUE OF FACT HE IS HEAD OF THEIR PARLIMENT.
THEREFORE, IF HIS STAFF FEELS WE ARE HOLDING UP EXCHANGE
RESEARCHES, COOPERATION IN OTHER AREAS COULD SUFFER.)

4. IN ADDITION, SOME OF INFORMATION AGREED TO BE PROVIDED BY ROMANIAN SIDE IN ITSELF OR BY A CERTAIN DATE WAS APPARENTLY NOT CLEARED AT HIGHEST LEVELS. WHEN IT WAS, MUCH OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED, PARTICULARLY IN CERTAIN TIMEFRAMES, WAS CONSIDERED STATE SECRETS, AS ARE STOCK FIGURES.

5. STRESS BY ROMANIANS AT ALMOST EVERY MEETING WITH AG ATTACHE, INCLUDING THOSE WITH STATE TRADING COMPANIES, WAS ON ASSIGNMENT OF AN ATTACHE TO BUCHAREST. AG ATTACHE REPLY WAS THAT SUBJECT WAS BEING DISCUSSED. ROMANIANS AT ALL LEVELS SEEMED TO FEEL THAT BY HAVING AN ATTACHE ASSIGNED PERMANENTLY IN BUCHAREST, THE TECHNICAL EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH INFORMATION AND RESEARCHES WOULD INCREASE, AS WOULD ROMANIAN AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THE U.S. ALSO, THAT ROMANIA WOULD RECEIVE INCREASINGLY FAVORABLE TREATMENT WHEN CONSIDERATION FOR U.S. CREDITS, SUCH AS CCC, ARE GIVEN. THEY MADE POINT THAT ROMANIA WAS A POOR COUNTRY AND DID NOT REALLY COMPETE WITH U.S. AGRICULTURE IN WORLD MARKETS. THEREFORE WE SHOULD BEND OVER BACKWARDS TO HELP THEM. (COMMENT: SINCE THIS WAS AG ATTACHE'S FIRST VISIT TO ROMANIA, I LISTENED AND DID NOT TRY TO IMMEDIATELY REFUTE CERTAIN MISCONCEPTIONS.)

6. AG ATTACHE PERSONALLY FEELS THAT WE WILL BE FORTUNATE TO RECEIVE HALF OF DATA ON A TIMELY BASIS LISTED IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPENDIX II - ECONOMIC DATA EXCHANGE OF MAY 24. POSSIBLY THIS RECORD COULD BE IMPROVED IF ROMANIAN DESIRE TO:

(A) BEGIN IMMEDIATE EXCHANGE AGRICULTURAL RESEARCHERS, AND TO EXPAND THAT PROTOCOL

(B) HAVE PERMANENT AG ATTACHE ASSIGNED BUCHAREST, AND

(C) HAVE SECRETARY BERGLAND VISIT ROMANIA IS HANDLED ADROITLY.
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